Stae Divisional Head. However, this can not be termed as compulsion.

(c) In view of (b) above, question does not arise.

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Criteria for accommodation for post offices *etc.*

5369. SHRI MILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased J<> state :

(a) what is the standard of accommodation prescribed for and that actually being provided now for the office, of portal sub-division and single handed post office:

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(b) number of sub-divisions circle-vise: where Departmental accomodation has not been provided; and

(c) what is the procedure, to calculate the cent electricity and sweeping charges for rented buildings for the offces of sub-divisions and single handed Post Offices ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Tne standard of accommodation prescribed for the office of Postal Sub-Division is 180 sq. ft. The standard for single handed Posr Offices varies depending on the number of supporting staff and whether it is a delivery or a non-delivery post office. While planning construction of departmental buildings the prescribed norms and being adhered to.

lb) The details are given in the encloseu statement *(See* below 1

(c) For single-handed Post Office Buildings, the rent is calculate by a Rent Assessment Committee which considers the plinth area, land valuation, age of building, prevalent market rent, etc. Electricity is paid for as per consump-tion. Sweeping charges are calculated according to the floor area of (he building. Whenever, a Sub-Divisional Office is located in a part of a Govt, building, the rent, electricity, and sweep ing charges are calculated for the entire building and not separately for the sub-divisional office.

Statement

Grde-wise details of sub-divisions where departmental accommodation has not been provided

Circle	No. of Sub-Divisions where Departmental Accommodation has not been provided
Andhra Pradesh	84
Assam	28
Bihar	122
Delhi	Nil
Gujarat	10
Haryana	Nil
Himachal Pradesh	13
Jammu & Kashmir	5
Karnataka	72
Kerala	3
Maharashtra	22
Madhya Pradesh	51
North-East	11
Orissa	51
Punjab	4
Rajasthan	35
Tamil Nadu	14
Uttar Pradesh	153
West Bengal	27
Total	717

Non-Delivery of Money Orders

5370. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to; state :

(a) whether it is a feet that a large number of money orders are not delivered in rural and tribal areas of Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so. the steps taken or proposed to the taken by Government to reduce theft and tampering in the case of Money Order delivery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM} : (a) End (b) While there are some cases of non-payment and wrong payment of money orders. the number of such cases is not